

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated June 8, 2006.

Claims 1-26 are canceled; as a result, claims 27-34 are now pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a 1449 Form on March 21, 2006. German Patent No. 10108713 was not initialed on the returned form 1449, despite the fact that an English abstract of German Patent No. 10108713 was provided. Applicant respectfully requests that initialed copies of the 1449 forms be returned to Applicants' Representatives to indicate that the cited reference has been considered by the Examiner.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant respectfully cancels claims 1-26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a Divisional application at a later date. Applicant instead elects examination of claims 27-34.

Claim Objections and § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled, rendering these objections and rejections moot..

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6902 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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